MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

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僕の彼女の名前は卜部美琴。付き合いはじめてからしばらくたつけど、いまだに無愛想でミステリアス。クラスメイトとの付き合いもまったくない。でも、そんなト部に友人ができた。僕の親友である上野と付き合っている、丘歩子という女の子だ。僕達より一歩先に進んだ関係の二人は、のろけ話という形で恋愛のトキメキを伝えてくれる。その話を聞くたびに、僕とト部の関係も、これから先、もっと進んでいけるんじゃないか。そんな希望を抱くんだ——。

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CHAPTER 13: MYSTERIOUS DESSERT

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THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
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IT WAS GOOD.
WAS IT GOOD?
I LIKE TO COOK.
NO PROB-LEM.
FOR ALWAYS SHARING ...
THANKS
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SCHLP っ

DESSERT.
HERE.
I WAS REMEMBERING AN EXPERIENCE
I HAD YESTERDAY.
WHEN I CLOSED MY EYES AND PUT THIS DROOL ON MY FINGER,
I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
WHEN YOU TASTE THIS,
WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE?
AN EXPERIENCE YOU HAD YESTERDAY?

!
WHAT DOES IT TASTE LIKE?
I'VE... TASTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE...
IT'S... REALLY SWEET...
KI— IT'S THE TASTE OF A...
YES...

I KISSED UENO-KUN AGAIN...
YESTERDAY AFTER SCHOOL,
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DAAAAAZE
WHAT'S WITH YOU, UENO?
YOU'VE GOT A DAZED, DREAMY LOOK ON YOUR FACE...
ぼぉー
DAAAAZE

I KISSED MY GIRLFRIEND OKA AGAIN...
YESTERDAY,
TUESDAY
ACTUALLY ... WELL ...
WELL, GOOD FOR YOU!
I GET THIS DAZED, DREAMY LOOK ON MY FACE...
THAT EXPERIENCE IN MY MIND, AND WHEN I REPLAY
ぼぉ
DAAAAAZE
OKA AND I... WELL...
EVERY NOW AND THEN, WE MEET UP IN THE CLASSROOM AFTER SCHOOL...
GOING ALONG WITH THE SITUATION?
THOUGH, WE WERE SORT OF JUST GOING ALONG WITH THE SITUATION YESTERDAY...

IT FEELS ALL THE MORE LIKE "JUST THE TWO OF US"...
SO WHEN WE'RE THERE AT SUNSET, WHEN NOBODY'S AROUND,
THE CLASSROOM IS ALWAYS CROWDED AND NOISY DURING THE DAY,
TURNS INTO THAT SORT OF MOOD...
AND IT JUST NATURALLY
HE'S REPLAYING IT IN HIS HEAD AGAIN...
CLASSROOM AFTER SCHOOL...
BUT I STILL LOVE THE
TUESDAY
AAAAZE
WELL,
YEAH, YOU COULD SAY THAT...
DOESN'T THAT JUST MEAN YOU'RE TOO EASILY TAKEN BY THE MOOD?
WHAT THE HECK?

TSUBAKI-KUN...
WHAT?
TWENTY FOUR
24 mart
MIND IF WE STOP HERE?
ALMOND
POCKY
THAT'LL BE 520 YEN.
BEEP

THE DESSERT THAT OKA GAVE ME DURING LUNCH TODAY WAS SO SWEET,
EVERY TIME I REMEMBER IT...
SNIK
TO SEE YOU BUYING SWEETS...
IT'S UNUSUAL
IT MAKES ME WANT TO EAT SOMETHING SWEET...
SOMEHOW ...
HUH?
WHAT DESSERT
DID OKA GIVE YOU?
AH...

THAT'S ...
.....
CAKE OR SOME-THING?
WHAT KIND OF DESSERT WAS IT?
THAT'S A SECRET...
I'M OFF!
AKIRA!
UMBRELLA!
UM-BRELLA!
I DON'T SEE WHY SHE CAN'T TELL ME WHAT SHE HAD FOR DESSERT...
SECRET?
SNICK
パチン

THE FORECAST SAID TO EXPECT A SUDDEN SHOWER THIS EVENING.
OH,
OKAY.
TSUBAKI!
OH...
YES!
I KNOW THOSE QUESTION-NAIRES I ASKED YOU TO COLLECT
WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE NEEDED UNTIL
THE END OF THE WEEK...
OH...
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU COLLECT THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME TODAY?
IT'S OKAY...
SORRY TO ALWAYS ASK SO MUCH.
THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY I AM...
BRING THEM TO THE FACULTY OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL.

ガタ…
CLATTER.
GUESS I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO HOME WITH URABE...
IF I HAVE TO COLLECT THEM FROM EVERYONE, I'LL BE HERE LATE.
COUGH
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COUGH
I NEED TO GIVE URABE THE "GO ON HOME WITHOUT ME" SIGN...
WIGGLE
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ヒラ
WIGGLE

SHE SAW THE SIGN...
スポッ
SHPOP
I WONDER IF...
ガサ
RUSTLE
ガサ...
RUSTLE...
WELL...
TIME TO GO HOME...
2-A
YOU'RE A BIG HELP!
OH, THANKS!
TEACH! I BROUGHT THE QUESTION-NAIRES!

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SLIDE
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すー…
すー…
URABE...

SHE'S ASLEEP?
THIS IS KIND OF LIKE THAT DAY WHEN I LICKED HER DROOL FOR THE FIRST TIME...
URABE!
SHAKE
SHAKE
WAKE UP!
U—
URABE!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
URABE,
YOU SAW MY SIGN, DIDN'T YOU?
I DID, BUT I THOUGHT I'D CATCH A LITTLE NAP BEFORE GOING HOME,
AND I GUESS I ENDED UP SLEEPING ALL THIS TIME...
TSUBAKI-KUN...
MPH...

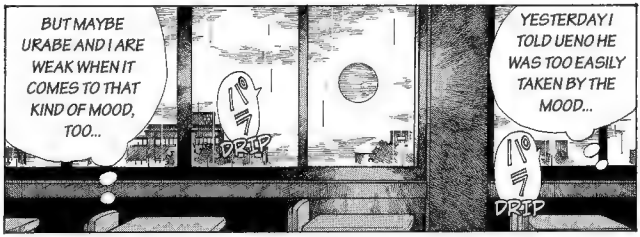
I'LL BE WAITING AT THE USUAL BRIDGE.
I'LL GO FIRST, THEN.
YEAH.
I'M JUST GOING HOME.
ARE YOU DONE?
URABE...
HEY,
H—
WHAT?
.....?
IT'S
JUST THE TWO OF US HERE...
WHY DON'T WE
DO OUR USUAL
ROUTINE HERE?

RUSTLE RUSTLE...
NOBODY WOULD COME INTO THE CLASSROOM AT THIS HOUR...
OKAY...

IS EVEN SWEETER ...
BUT I'LL BET "THAT"
IS AS SWEET AS EVER...
YOUR DROOL ...
"THAT"?
WHAT'S...
"THAT"?
IT'S ...
HUH?
SLIDE...
キミ...

ガアアアア…
FSSSSHHH…
HUH?

IT'S RAINING...
FSSSSHHH...
I DIDN'T BRING AN UMBRELLA TODAY...
IT'S LIGHT, SO IT'S PROBABLY A PASSING SHOWER.
IT'LL STOP SOON.
AH...
JERK
AH...
HA HA HA HA ...
I WAS JUST A SECOND FROM KISSING URABE, WASN'T I?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


BUT MAYBE URABE AND I ARE WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO THAT KIND OF MOOD, TOO...
パラ
DRIP
YESTERDAY I TOLD UENO HE WAS TOO EASILY TAKEN BY THE MOOD...
パラ
DRIP

THANKS FOR THE FOOD...

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SCHLP...
WAS IT GOOD?
IT WAS.
THANK YOU.

I WAS REMEMBERING AN EXPERIENCE I HAD YESTERDAY.
WHEN I CLOSED MY EYES AND PUT THIS DROOL ON MY FINGER,
DESSERT FOR YOU.
HERE... TODAY I HAVE...
TASTES LIKE...
SEE WHAT IT
HOW DOES IT TASTE?
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END OF CHAPTER 13

CHAPTER 14: MYSTERIOUS RAIN SHELTER

UENO!
MORNING!
TSU-BAKI!
OH!
STEP STEP
A..A..A..
STEP...

WHOA!
OH...
SORRY.
CRASH
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

RUNNING IN THE HALLS IS DANGER-OUS, YOU KNOW!
YEAH...
SHE'S ALREADY WEARING HER SUMMER UNIFORM.
.....
OKA...
MAKES ME FEEL LIKE MY OWN SUMMER IS HERE...
SEEING MY GIRLFRIEND SWITCH TO HER SUMMER UNIFORM
YOU KNOW ...
HEHEHE
.....
MAY IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN EITHER SUMMER OR WINTER UNIFORMS CAN WORK.
COME TO THINK OF IT, MY JACKET'S A LITTLE WARM TODAY...
MAYBE I'LL BREAK OUT MY SUMMER UNIFORM TOMORROW.

THEN, WHEN URABE WEARS HER SUMMER UNIFORM...
WILL I FEEL LIKE MY OWN SUMMER IS HERE?
えへへ…♡
HE HE HE

MOST OF OUR CLASS HAS SWITCHED TO SUMMER UNIFORMS,
BUT URABE IS STILL WEARING HER WINTER ONE...

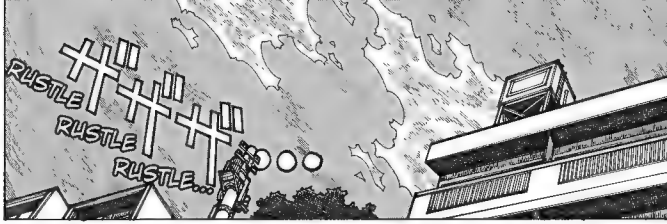
ON THE BACK OF HER NECK...
THERE'S A BEAD OF SWEAT
!

THERE'S A BEAD OF SWEAT ON THE BACK OF YOUR NECK...
AREN'T YOU HOT IN YOUR WINTER UNIFORM?
URABE!
WHAT?

HUH ...?
SKID
SKID
SKID
WHAM
D-DID I SAY SOME-THING
NO WAY...
TO UP-SET YOU?
PANTY SCIS-SORS?!
WHISH
WHOA!
I-I'M SORRY, URABE!

SHINK
WHIP
BAD CAT
FAN FAN

I'M VERY HOT IN MY WINTER UNIFORM...
YES ...
FAN
FAN
BUT IT'S AT THE CLEANERS, SO I CAN'T WEAR IT FOR A FEW MORE DAYS...
ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE TO SWITCH TO MY SUMMER UNIFORM,
SHE NOT ONLY TUCKS SCISSORS IN HER PANTIES, BUT FOLDING FANS, TOO?
A FOLDING FAN...
I'LL GET TO SEE URABE IN HER SUMMER UNIFORM.
WHEN EVERYONE SWITCHES TO COOLER CLOTHES IN JUNE,
WELL, ANYWAY,
IT'S AT THE CLEANERS...
I SEE...
OH...
FAN
FAN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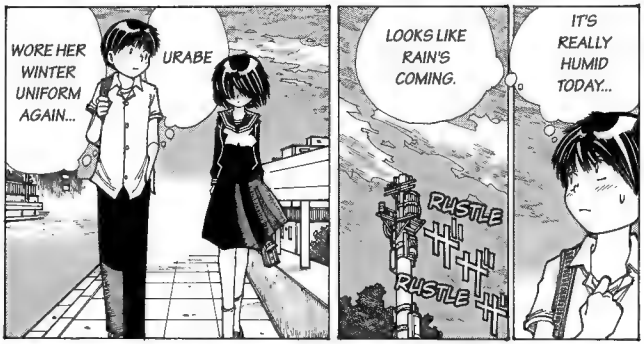
RUSTLE
RUSTLE...


IT'S REALLY HUMID TODAY...
LOOKS LIKE RAIN'S COMING.
RUSTLE
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RUSTLE
URABE
WORE HER WINTER UNIFORM AGAIN...

THERE'S A BEAD OF SWEAT ON THE BACK OF HER NECK AGAIN...
SHE MUST BE HOT.
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PLIP
PLIP
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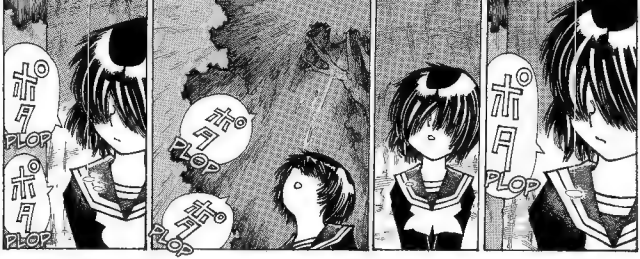
PLIP
OH...
IT'S RAINING ...

FSSSSSHHH
NEITHER DO I...
I DON'T HAVE AN UMBRELLA TODAY...

SPLISH
SPLISH
LET'S DUCK UNDER A TREE IN THE PARK FOR SHELTER.

DO YOU THINK IT'LL STOP SOON?
NO IDEA...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PLOP
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SQUEEZE

CLOSE TO EACH OTHER LIKE THIS...
WHEN WE'RE

SHELTERING FROM THE RAIN ISN'T SO BAD NOW AND THEN...

URABE...
SMELLS REALLY NICE...
URABE ...
WHAT?
ARE YOU WEARING PERFUME TODAY?
PER-FUME?
I DON'T USE THAT STUFF.
WELL ...
YOU SMELL REALLY NICE TODAY, SO I THOUGHT...
I SMELL NICE?
SNIFF
SNIFF

ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT MY SWEAT YOU SMELL?
TUG
I'M SWEATING A LOT RIGHT NOW...
SALTY...
LICK

I DON'T THINK
IT SMELLS THAT NICE...
OH...
YOU DON'T?
BUT...
THAT RE-MINDED ME...
OF "THAT" TASTE.
WHAT TASTE?
OF "THAT" TASTE.
THE TASTE OF THE OCEAN.

THE TASTE OF THE OCEAN?
YES.
THE TASTE OF THE OCEAN.
SWEAT AND SEAWATER
ARE BOTH SALTY...
OH...
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.
DO YOU LIKE THE OCEAN, URABE?
I DO.
I GO DOWN TO THE BEACH EVERY YEAR SINCE I LIKE TO SWIM.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, TSUBAKI-KUN?

I GUESS I LIKE THE OCEAN...
WELL, YEAH,
ME?
WANT A LITTLE TASTE?
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IT MIGHT TASTE LIKE THE OCEAN TO YOU, TOO...
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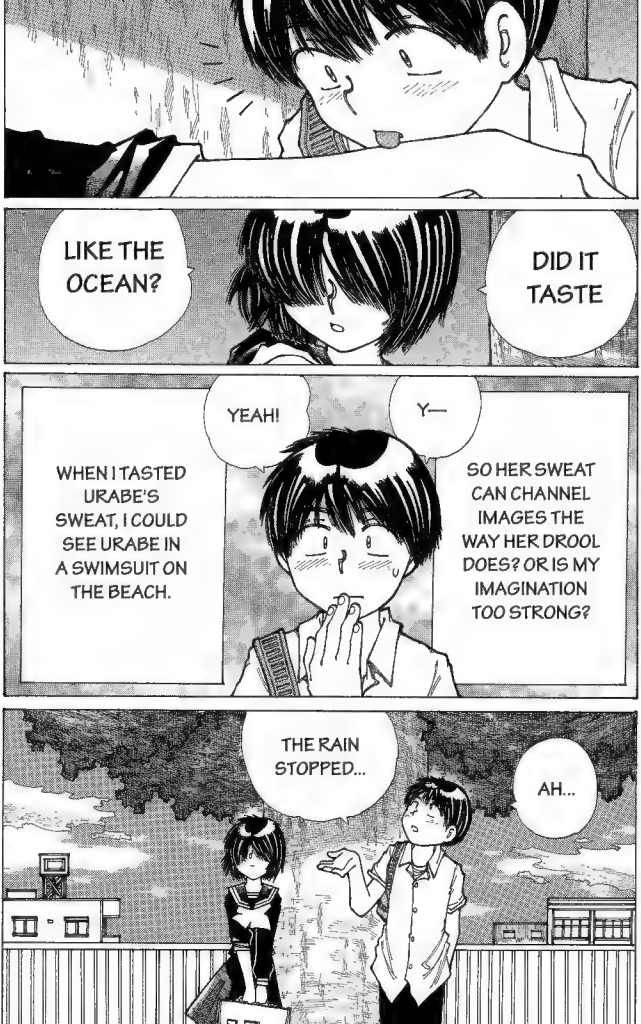
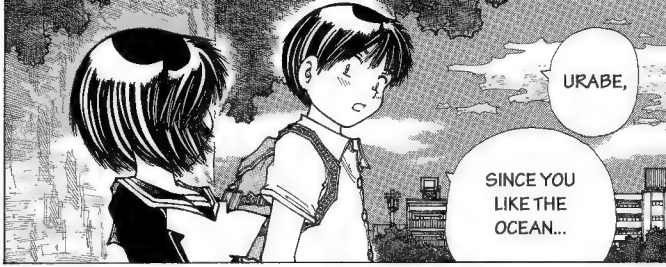
LICK


LIKE THE OCEAN?
DID IT TASTE
YEAH!
Y—
WHEN I TASTED URABE'S SWEAT, I COULD SEE URABE IN A SWIMSUIT ON THE BEACH.
SO HER SWEAT CAN CHANNEL IMAGES THE WAY HER DROOL DOES? OR IS MY IMAGINATION TOO STRONG?
THE RAIN STOPPED...
AH...


URABE,
SINCE YOU LIKE THE OCEAN...

WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER THIS SUMMER?

SURE.

A
STEP...
A
STEP...
A
STEP...

TSUBAKI-KUN, DID YOU WAIT LONG?
OH...
NO, I JUST GOT HERE.
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SQUEAK
AND SO, THE TIME CAME FOR SWITCHING TO COOLER CLOTHES IN JUNE,
AND MY OWN SUMMER FINALLY CAME TO ME.
URABE'S SUMMER UNIFORM ...

END OF CHAPTER 14

CHAPTER 15: MYSTERIOUS STEP UP

PEPO
宝書店
HM?

OKA!
I NEVER RUN INTO YOU AROUND HERE!
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU, TSUBAKI-KUN!
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
WHY DON'T WE GRAB SOME ICE CREAM SOME-WHERE?
SAY, TSUBAKI-KUN, SINCE WE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER,
YEAH,
I WAS BUYING CLOTHES.
WERE YOU SHOPPING?
WHAT'S THIS?

LET'S GO ♪
WHY NOT? IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU RUN INTO A CLASSMATE!
UH, I DON'T THINK SO...
WHAT?
UH, BUT...

ICE CREAM SHOP
TSUBAKI-KUN!

OH..
TH-THANKS.
THIS IS FOR YOU!
HERE.

SHE'S AS SHORT AS A GRADE SCHOOL KID.
MAN...
BUT HER BOOBS ARE FULLY DEVELOPED...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HUH?
BAD IDEA?
I THINK THIS IS A BAD IDEA...
STILL!
IF UENO FINDS OUT THAT YOU AND I WERE EATING ICE CREAM ALL ALONE...
HE'LL HAVE A FIT.
DOES THAT COUNT AS SAYING GOOD THINGS?
HE SAYS YOU MAY BE AVERAGE AT SPORTS AND ACADEMICS, BUT YOU'RE A NICE GUY.
WHEN KOUHEI-KUN AND I ARE ALONE, HE ONLY HAS GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT YOU.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT OTHER GUYS, BUT HE TRUSTS YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
HA HA HA HA.....
U
IS KOUHEI-KUN...
KOUHEI-KUN?
!

SO YOU CALL UENO BY HIS FIRST NAME?
NO, I KNEW, BUT...
DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT? YOU'RE HIS FRIEND!
IT'S UENO-KUN'S FIRST NAME.
SOMETIMES.
ONLY
SO HE CALLS ME AYU.
MY NAME'S AYUKO.
CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME SOME TIMES?
DOES UENO... THEN,
OH...
YES.
HE DOES.
CALLING EACH OTHER BY FIRST NAMES.

AKIRA-KUN...
HAPPENING BETWEEN UBABE AND ME...
I STILL CAN'T SEE THAT
SPLIT
AKIRA-KUN... ♥
BIG
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WHY'D YOU CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME
OUT OF NO-WHERE?!
WH-
ICE CREAM SHOP
SUSHI ONE
SWEET...
LICK!

WERE YOU FANTASIZING ABOUT THE GIRL YOU LIKE CALLING YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME?
AFTER WHAT I JUST TOLD YOU,
I..
I WASN'T!
MAN...
OKAY! SHARP
SHARP

IT IS PRETTY HOT THIS YEAR.
THE CICADAS ARE ALREADY SINGING.
MIN-MIN-MIN-MIN
HUH?
DOWNTOWN YESTERDAY.
BY THE WAY, I RAN INTO TSUBAKI-KUN
WE TALKED ABOUT FIRST NAMES!
WHAT DID YOU... TALK ABOUT?
WHILE WE ATE ICE CREAM
SINCE WE WERE THERE, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH HIM

SOMETIMES I CALL EACH OTHER BY FIRST NAME.
I TOLD HIM HOW UENO-KUN AND I
YES.
FIRST NAMES?
ABOUT YOU CALLING HIM BY HIS FIRST NAME.
HE WAS PROBABLY FANTASIZING
HIS FACE FELL INTO HIS ICE CREAM.
THEN I CALLED HIM AKIRA-KUN AND HE WAS SO SURPRISED
TSUDAKA-Y KUN GOT REALLY QUIET.
AFTER THAT,

MIKOTO!
TSUDAKA-KUN!!

ちゅう…
SUCK…
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POP
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IS GETTING FLUSHED...
MY FACE...
かぁ
FLUSH
FANTASIZING ABOUT TSUBAKI-KUN CALLING YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME, WEREN'T YOU?
URABE-SAN,
YOU WERE JUST
I-I WASN'T ...
WHAT?!
THEN, WHY IS MY FACE FLUSHED?
DON'T YOU SEE HOW FLUSHED MY FACE IS?
"EGG UP NOW, URABE-SAN!
WHISH
WHISH

DASH!!
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS ...
IT'S
URAME-SAN'S SO CUTE...
HEH-HEH-HEH♥
GIGGLE
TAP TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP TAP

THE SUN'S KILLING ME TODAY...
SUIKE.
WANNA STOP BY THE PARK FOR A BREATHER?
THANKS...
I'LL GO BUY US SOME DRINKS.

KA-CHUNK
IF I CALLED HER THAT OUT OF NOWHERE...
MIKOTO
SNIP SNIP SNIP SNIP SNIP
SHE'D PROBABLY UNLEASH HER PANTY SCISSORS...
BUT...
CALLING EACH OTHER BY FIRST NAMES...
DON'T CALL ME THAT!
TOO SOON FOR US...
I THINK IT'S STILL

I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T WAKE HER UP...
SHE'S ASLEEP...
OH, BUT HER DRINK WILL GET WARM...
URABE!

URABE!
I GOT YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK!
MIKOTO...

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JUMP
MPH...
WHAT?

BEFORE IT GOT WARM, SO... WELL...
BUT I FIGURED YOU'D WANT TO DRINK IT
I WASN'T SURE IF I SHOULD WAKE YOU UP.
OH, HERE, URABE! YOUR DRINK!
WHAT?
THANKS!
TSUBAKI-KUN...
HEY.

WHEN YOU WOKE ME UP...
IT'S NOTHING...
WHEN I WOKE YOU UP?
WH—
SHE WAS HAPPY THAT I CALLED HER MIKOTO...
WHICH MUST MEAN
BUT SHE SMILED WHEN I DID.
DID SHE NOTICE THAT I CALLED TO HER USING HER FIRST NAME?

CASUALLY..
MIKOTO!
WHAT?
THESE THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE CASUALLY.
IN THE PARK. SET'S A NICE MOOD..
BEING ALONE TOGETHER
OKAY! THIS TIME I'LL CALL HER BY HER FIRST NAME TO HER FACE!
MI—
BAM
GLANCE

ME...
MI...
MI...
FOR TODAY, I'LL JUST BE GLAD I GOT TO SEE HER SMILE LIKE THAT.
ITS SUMMER ALREADY...
THE CICADAS CHIRPING SOUNDS LIKE "ME, ME."
I GUESS I STILL CAN'T DO IT...

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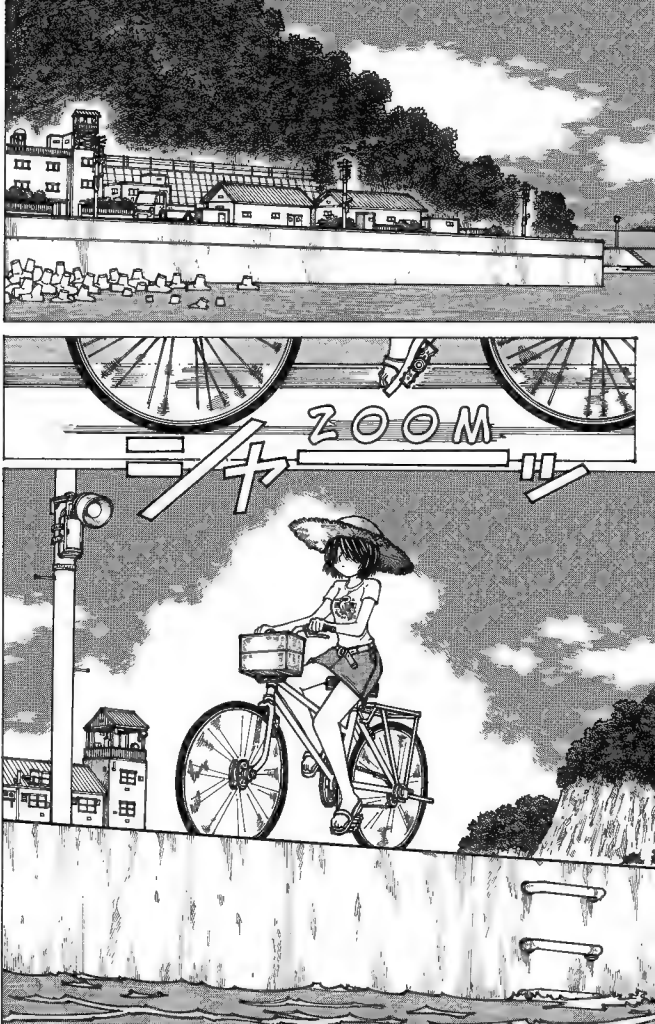
CHAPTER 16: MYSTERIOUS SWIM IN THE SEA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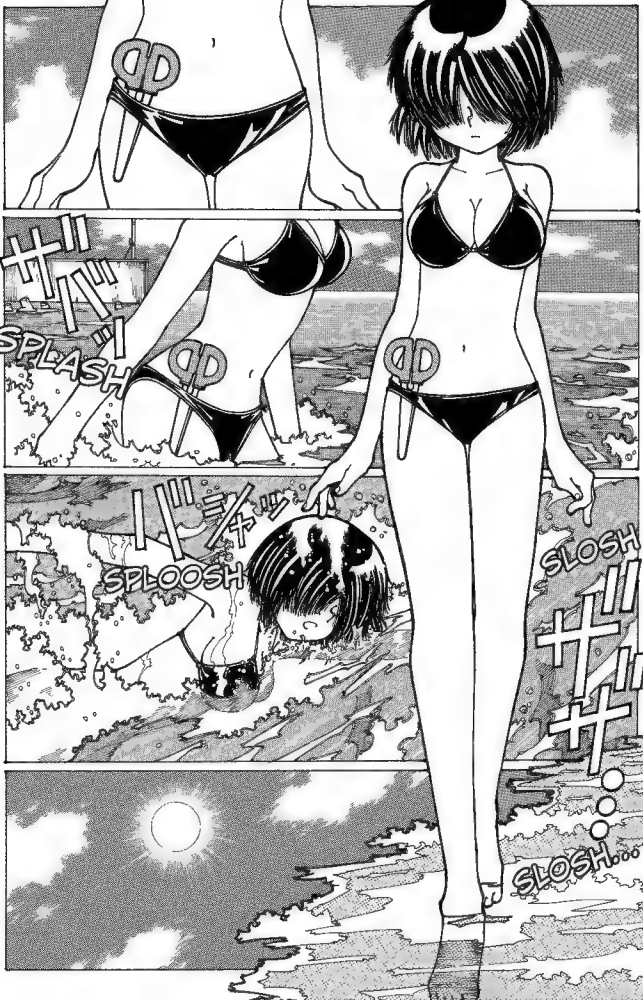
STEP
SQUEAK
RUSTLE
TUG


SPLASH
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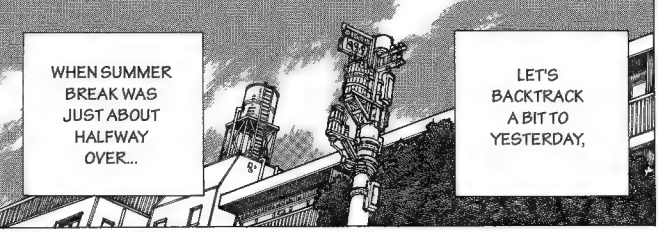
SLOSH
SLOSH...


WHEN SUMMER BREAK WAS JUST ABOUT HALFWAY OVER...
LET'S BACKTRACK A BIT TO YESTERDAY,

OUR RITUAL FOR TODAY.
TSUBAKI-KUN.
HERE,
OKAY...

HOW DOES TOMORROW SOUND?
WELL...
UH... REMEMBER BEFORE SUMMER BREAK, WHEN WE SAID WE'D GO TO THE BEACH THIS SUMMER?
WHAT?
URABE ...
UH... HEY,

I'M LEAVING TOMORROW TO VISIT MY DAD'S FAMILY.
SORRY.

A WEEK FROM TODAY.
SO I'LL BE FREE
BUT I SHOULD BE BACK IN TOKYO AFTER FIVE OR SIX DAYS,
HUH? YOUR DAD'S FAMILY?
I SEE...

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK, THEN!
HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DAD'S FAMILY!
I'M FINALLY GOING TO THE BEACH WITH URABE...
SO WHY DON'T WE MEET UP AT KAZAMIDAI STATION AT 7 AM?
WE'LL PROBABLY WANT TO LEAVE EARLY,
WE'LL FIND A BEACH THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH FOR A ONE-DAY TRIP.
GOT IT.
OKAY, THEN WE'LL GO TO THE BEACH TOGETHER A WEEK FROM TO-DAY!
OH, THAT'S FINE!

THE DAY WHEN URABE AND I AGREED TO GO TO THE BEACH...
NOW WE'RE BACK TO ONE WEEK LATER,
IT'S ALMOST SEVEN...
IS URABE ALREADY HERE?
風見台駅
P-PHONE
SIGN: KAZAMIDAI STATION
OH!
DID YOU WAIT LONG?
YOU'RE HERE EARLY!
URABE!
ポン!
TAP
BOTTOM OF SEA

HUH?

I JUST GOT HERE, TOO, SO I WASN'T WAITING.
TSUBAKI-KUN...
.....
YOUR SKIN...
URABE...
OH, THIS?
MY DAD'S FAMILY LIVE BY THE OCEAN,
SO I WENT SWIMMING YESTERDAY AND GOT TANNED.
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I SEE...
OH, AT THEIR HOUSE?
プアーン
HOOOONK
STARE
BOTTOM OF SE
OH...
IT'S NOTHING ...
HA HA HA HA ...
BOTTOM OF SEN

URABE'S SKIN IS PALE,
SO SEEING HER TANNED LIKE THIS IS KIND OF...
ACTUALLY, IT'S REALLY DIFFERENT.

FIRE LION

TSUBAKI-KUN...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
SIT
SEASIDE HOUSE

KIND OF HOT...
A TAN AND SHE'S WEARING A BIKINI... THIS ISN'T JUST DIFFERENT, IT'S...
LET'S SWIM TOGETHER.
SINCE WE'RE HERE,
UH...
SURE!
TSUBAKI-KUN...
HUH?
WH-WHAT?
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

URABE!
STOP! STOP!
バシャ バシャ
SPLASH SPLASH
I CAN'T KEEP UP.
YOU SWIM SO FAST.
I'LL GO SLOWER NOW.
SORRY.
SPLASH
バシャ
YEAH...
I'VE BEEN SWIMMING AT MY DAD'S FAMILY'S HOUSE SINCE I WAS LITTLE,
YEAH. SO I'M PRETTY GOOD.
BUBBLE
ブクブク
BUBBLE
SPLASH
バシャ

NOW THAT I SEE HER THIS WAY,
URABE HAS A REALLY NICE BODY...
TSUBAKI-KUN...
SPLOOSH
BUT SINCE SHE'S WEARING A BIKINI,
I WISH SHE WOULD TAKE OFF THE SKIRT...

SPLASH
AH...
WHEW...
WEAR ONE WHILE I'M SWIMMING ...
I USUALLY DON'T
BUT THERE WEREN'T ANY PEOPLE AT THE BEACH WHERE MY DAD'S FAMILY LIVE, SO I SWAM WITH MY SCISSORS TUCKED IN MY SWIMSUIT.
カチャッ
SNICK
MY SKIRT?
OH...
LOOKING AT DOWN THERE?
WHAT WERE YOU
HUH? OH, I WAS JUST THINKING YOUR SKIRT HAS AN INTERESTING PATTERN...
THOUGH I WISH YOU'D TAKE IT OFF...

I'VE GOT TAN LINES...
SO NOW...

.....
I'M WEARING THE SKIRT.
THAT'S WHY
カチッ
SNAP
WHISH
CRAP..
OH...
U-URABE!
LET'S RACE BACK TO SHORE!
HUH?
SPLASH
SPLASH...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
OF COURSE I HAD...
HUH?
ちゅ
SCHLP
OH...
THAT'S GOOD.
REALLY?
I HAD FUN TODAY.
TSUBAKI-KUN,
ポニ
POP
BOTTOM OF SEA
FRIENDS OF EARTH

HUH?
MY NOSE IS BLEED-ING...
PLOP
ぽたっ
ぬるっ
DRIP...
じゃ…
CLANK...
WHY...?
THE TAN LINES LEFT BY MY SCISSORS?
ER...
PROBABLY BECAUSE, WHEN I SAW THE TAN LINES LEFT BY YOUR SCISSORS, MY NOSE STARTED TO BLEED...
THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO COVER IT UP BY RACING HER TO THE BEACH ...
TSUBAKI-KUN...
BOTTOM OF SEA
BOTTOM OF SEA

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DASH
THAT WAS GREAT, URABE-SAN!
YOU WERE NECK-AND-NECK WITH YAJIMA-SAN!
YOU'RE SO FAST!
SWOOSH

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
I'M ON THE TRACK TEAM.
AND I ALMOST LOST TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T DO ANY SPORTS...
URABE-SAN, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE TRACK TEAM?
WITH YOUR SPEED, IT'D BE A WASTE NOT TO.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BEING ON A TEAM...
I SEE... OH, BUT...
SINCE YOU AND I FINISHED FIRST AND SECOND,
THAT MEANS WE'LL REPRESENT OUR CLASS IN THE RELAY RACE AT THE UPCOMING SPORTS FESTIVAL!

OUR CLASS IS SEWING YAJIMA AND YOU?
THAT FOR THE GIRLS' RELAY.
I HEARD FROM A SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBER
AND YOU WERE RIGHT BEHIND HER?
WHO EVEN PLACED HIGH IN CITY TRACK MEETS.
YAJIMA IS A SPRINTER ON THE TRACK TEAM.
WOW, THAT'S AMAZING!
YEAH...
YAJIMA...
YEAH...
JUST LOOK AT HOW FAST SHE MOVES WITH HER PANTY SCISSORS.
SHE HAS TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE TO PULL THAT OFF...
SO URABE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY athletic...
WOW...

ASKED ME TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM...
AFTERWARDS, YAJIMA-SAN
ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM?
SO...
OH?
SO...
U-URABE
GRAB
THUMP
IF I JOIN A TEAM, I WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK HOME WITH YOU.
AFTER ALL...
OF COURSE NOT.

SHE'S DEFINITELY A GOOD ATHLETE...
THAT DODGE...
DON'T EVER HUG ME WITHOUT PERMISSION
TSU-BAKI-KUN...
Twirl
URABE-SAN.
I KNOW YAJIMA-SAN ASKED YOU YESTERDAY.
YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM?
NOPE...

THAT'S...
KIND OF SEXY...
HMM...
DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT
HUH?
BUT INSTEAD...
BECAUSE YAJIMA-SAN SAID THAT WITH YOUR LEGS, YOU COULD BECOME EVEN FASTER WITH THE PROPER TRAINING! YOU COULD MAKE IT TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!
TSUBAKI-KUN
H-
HEY
...
GETS THESE GOLDEN LEGS ALL TO HIMSELF...

YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WALK HOME WITH TSUBAKI-KUN, RIGHT?
WELL...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TSUBAKI-KUN GETTING MY LEGS TO HIMSELF?
CLAP
HUH?
TH-THAT'S NOT...

LOOK!
HUH?
.....
POK
BLUSH

IS JUST LIKE I SAID, ISN'T IT?
SO THE REASON YOU WON'T JOIN THE TEAM
SEE? MY FACE IS TURNING RED...
THAT MEANS WALKING HOME WITH TSUBAKI-KUN TAKES HIGHER PRIORITY FOR YOU, RIGHT?
SO EVEN THOUGH YOUR LEGS COULD BE A HUGE ASSET TO THE TRACK TEAM IF YOU JOINED,
IT'S KIND OF SEXY.
WHICH BASICALLY MEANS TSUBAKI-KUN GETS YOUR LEGS ALL TO HIMSELF.

THE CLASS RELAY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! ALL RUNNERS PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATION!
URABE-SAN! YOU CAN DO IT!
URABE IS THE ANCHOR!
2-A 福
BANG!

ALL YOURS!
DASH
SMACK
YEAH! SHE PASSED ONE!

BANG
THE FIRST PLACE RUNNER AND UKAWA ARE IN A DEAD HEAT!
SHOOM

I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.
WILL YOU JOIN THE TRACK TEAM?
WITH THOSE AMAZING LEGS OF YOURS, IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE NOT TO!
URABE-SAN!
YAJIMA-SAN..
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING!
YOU CAME IN FIRST!
THANKS!
YOU DID IT, URABE-SAN!
HURRAY!!

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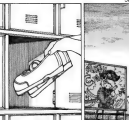

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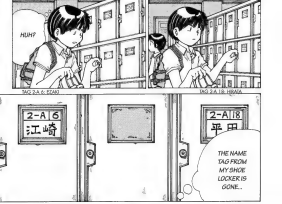
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平田
THE NAME TAG FROM MY SHOE LOCKER IS GONE...

I THINK...
WELL, UH...
WHAT?
SAY, URABE...
BUT WHY?

YOU REALLY SHOULD JOIN THE TRACK TEAM...
I WOULD PREFER THAT YOU NOT JOIN AND WALK HOME WITH ME INSTEAD...
WELL...
WHY?
HUH?
AND EVEN IF WE CAN'T DO OUR RITUAL ON THE WAY HOME EVERY DAY, WE CAN STILL DO IT LATER, TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK...
AND OF COURSE, I'D ENJOY SEEING YOU DO WELL IN TRACK.
I STARTED TO FEEL LIKE I'M HOLDING BACK YOUR POTENTIAL.
BUT AFTER SEEING THE RELAY TODAY,

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?
TSUBAKI-KUN...
HUH?
TSUBAKI-KUN,
OPEN YOUR MOUTH...
OKAY...
HUH?
D-SURE!
CHUP...
POP
THOP
POP

SMILE
ニコッ♪
I KNOW BECAUSE YOU'RE SMILING!
YOU'RE LYING!
NO, I WAS
WHAT?
HMM...
SO YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID.
HUH?
SMILING...?
SINCE YOU SMILED AFTER TASTING MY DROOL...
RATHER THAN WANTING ME TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM...

THAT MEANS YOU WANT
MY LEGS ALL TO YOURSELF, RIGHT?
2-A 12 椿
TAGO TSUBAKI

MY NAME TAG!
HEY!
ツバキ
椿
TAG: TSUBAKI
WHISH!

TSUBAKI-KUN,
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO BE CONSIDERATE.
I ENJOY WALKING HOME WITH YOU A LOT MORE
THAN I'D ENJOY BEING ON THE TRACK TEAM AND WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I'M NOT JOINING THE TRACK TEAM.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WHY

WANT TO RACE TO OUR USUAL SPOT?
TSUBAKI-KUN!
U—
URABE
GRAB
H-HEY, WAIT UP!
BA-BOOM
SHE'S RIGHT...
YEAH...
HUH?!

END OF M CHAPTER 17

CHAPTER 18: MYSTERIOUS STUDYING FOR EXAMS

SIII

WE'VE GOT MIDTERMS NEXT MONTH, RIGHT?
YEAH.
WHAT?
SAY, KOUHEI-KUN
WHEN WE WERE WALKING HOME A WHILE AGO...

FOR OUR MIDTERMS?
WHY DON'T WE STUDY TOGETHER
STUDY TOGETHER? WHERE WOULD WE STUDY?
AT MY HOUSE.
THAT'S WHAT OKA SAID.
APPARENTLY, HER PARENTS ARE ALWAYS OUT ON SATURDAYS...
BAD.

WE'VE BEEN STUDYING TOGETHER AT HER HOUSE.
SO, EVERY SATURDAY,
WELL, YEAH...
SO IT'S JUST THE TWO OF YOU?!
STUDYING WHILE HER PARENTS ARE OUT...
Oh...
ピンポーン
HI, KOUHEI-KUN!
BUT...

LET'S START WITH MATH 10DAY!
OKAY.
WELL,
COME IN! COME IN!

YOU SOLVE THIS EQUATION LIKE THIS...
YOU ANSWERED PROBLEMS 2 AND 5 WRONG.
HUH? I DID?
IT'S MORE LIKE I'M BEING TUTORED...
SO RATHER THAN TWO STUDENTS STUDYING FOR MIDTERMS,
YYES
HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO MAKE A MOVE ON HER?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM!
YOU GET TO BE ALONE WITH HER, AFTER ALL.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, IS IT?
OKAY, I RANKED NEAR THE TOP OF OUR GRADE!
HUH? WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ?!

THEN IN THIS EQUATION, HERE...
SO IF YOU PLUG IN THE VALUES OF X AND Y,
.....
THAT GIVES YOU THE VALUES OF A AND B...
PEACH...
STOP.
HUH ...?
GRAB
SO STOP.
WE'RE STUDYING. THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT.

BREAK UP WITH YOU.
I'LL
AND...
AND IF I DON'T ...?
HUH?
SIGH
ALL WE DO IS STUDY...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US,
SO...
UNDER-STAND?
THAT GIVES YOU THE ANSWER YOU WANT.
NOW...
TTT

TSUBAKI YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT'S NOTHING, BUT TO ME...
THAT'S IT?
AND THAT'S IT?
I WONDERED WHAT YOU WERE DEPRESSED AND SIGHING ABOUT...
IS TO BE ASSER-TIVE!
LISTEN, UENO! WHAT'S IMPORTANT FOR A GUY!
I DON'T KNOW...
ASSERTIVE... HUH?
IF YOU'D JUST BE ASSER-TIVE, YOU CAN MOVE HER HEART!
THEN YOU HAVE TO PRESS YOUR OWN FEELINGS ON HER!
YOU WANT TO MAKE PROGRESS, DON'T YOU?
IF I PUT MY ARM AROUND HER, WILL SHE UNLEASH THE PANTY SCISSORS?
SO I SAY, BUT I'M ALWAYS TIMID AND JUMPY AROUND U-KASE MYSELF...
HMM

ARE YOU DONE,
KOUHEI-KUN?
HERE!
LET ME SEE...
Kouhei's Diary
Today is the day I'll tell her how I feel.
IT'D BE EASY TO JUST PUSH HER DOWN...
OKA IS SO SMALL...
BUT USING FORCE LIKE THAT ...JUST SEEMS SO COWARDLY...

I'LL GET SOME DRINKS!
LET'S TAKE A BREAK!
YOU GOT THEM ALL RIGHT!
OKAY.
GOOD!
IT'S GOOD!
HUH?!
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT COOKING AND MAKING SWEETS...
I MADE THIS CAKE MYSELF
ISN'T IT?
WELL, EVEN IF WE'RE NOT MAKING PROGRESS, I GUESS I'M STILL HAPPY...
OH...
ZZZ

プルルル
THE PHONE...
……
ペロ…
ペロペロ…

IT WAS JUST A SALES CALL.
HMM?
KOUHEI-KUN?
WHAT?

YES.
I... I LOOK HAPPY?
YOU'RE GRINNING
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO HAPPY?
HUH?
I WONDER WHY...
A-AM I?
I'M SUCH A WUSS FOR GRINNING LIKE THAT OVER AN INDIRECT KISS...
GUESS I'M FAR FROM BEING ASSERTIVE...

HOW WERE THEY?
HUH? YEAH.
YOU GOT YOUR MIDTERM RESULTS BACK TODAY, RIGHT?
KOUHEI-KUN.
AND I GUESS SHE'S A PRETTY GOOD TEACHER, TOO...
WELL, AFTER ALL THAT STUDYING WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING OKA...
YOUR GRADES ARE MUCH BETTER!
WOW♪
HERE!
WAY TO GO, KOUHEI-KUN!

STAND UP!
KOUNO-KUN.
SPEED
SCRAPE
HUH?
WHAT?!
PICK ME UP!
JUST PICK ME UP!

ぐっ
ぐっ
ぐっ
ぐっ

SMOOCH
ちゅっ…

KOUHEI-KUN...
HEY.
HUH...?
AFTER WE GRADUATE, I'D LIKE TO GO TO THE SAME COLLEGE AS YOU, IF I CAN...
THUNK
トーン

SO I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO START NOW, WHILE WE'RE SECOND-YEARS.
BUT TO DO THAT, WE BOTH NEED GOOD GRADES ON ALL OUR EXAMS UNTIL THEN, RIGHT?
EVERY SATURDAY FROM NOW ON!
LET'S KEEP WORKING HARD AT MY HOUSE
THOUGH I MIGHT BE A LITTLE STRICT WHEN WE STUDY...

WHAT?
HEY, URABE-SAN
TASTE THIS.

IT'S SWEET ...
YOU KISSED UENO-KUN AGAIN?
DOES THIS MEAN...
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT UENO-KUN?
YEP!
HM?
WELL, OF COURSE...

I LIKE HOW HE'S HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ME!
MAN, OKAY SO CUTE
I DON'T EVEN MIND STAYING AS WE ARE
IDIOT! A MAN SHOULD BE ASSERTIVE! ASSERT YOURSELF, UENO!
SHUDDER
I NEED TO BE ASSERTIVE WITH URAME TOO...

END OF ☒ CHAPTER 18

CHAPTER 12: MYSTERIOUS OLDER SISTER

TODAY'S DOSE.
HERE, TSUBAKI-KUN.
OKAY.

PUFF-PUFF!
PUFF-PUFF!
SWOOSH!

SINCE IT'S NOVEMBER ALREADY...
THE WIND'S GETTING COLDER
YEAH...
WHOOSH
ヒュー
WHOA...
I'M HOME!
SIS!
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
WELL.
OKAY, SEE YA.

SHE TOOK OUT THE HEATED TABLE TODAY...
OH,
SIS!
I'M...
HOME...
GUESS SHE'S ASLEEP...
SIS, I'M HOME!

THE HEATED TABLE FELT SO NICE, I DRIFTED OFF!
WELCOME HOME!!
AKIKA! OH!
UH...
MPH...

WAS IT COLD OUTSIDE?
UM... SIS...
WANT SOME COFFEE?
HM?
WHAT?
YOU'RE DROOLING...
HUH?
OH, NO!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HEY, SIS...
HUH?
WHAT?
DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?

IF SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND, I WONDER IF HE'D THINK SHE LOOKED CUTE WITH DROOL ON HER FACE.
SHE...
YOU'RE SO WEIRD!
WH-WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT NOW?!
WELL
NO REASON
...

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THANK YOU!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
EXCUSE ME...
I'M URABE, FROM TSUBAKI-KUN'S CLASS.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE MET.
HUH...?
YOU'RE TSUBAKI-KUN'S SISTER, AREN'T YOU?
OH! OU'RE...

I SIT NEXT TO TSUBAKI-KUN, AND HE'S ALWAYS VERY HELPFUL.
IT'S OKAY...
THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT.
THE GIRL WHO CAME TO BRING HIM HANDOUTS A FEW TIMES!
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
WELL, I'LL BE--
UH.
WAIT A MINUTE...
IF YOU DON'T MIND,
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPANY ME FOR A WHILE?
CAFE CHEF'S CAT TOWER
GO ON!
ORDER WHATEVER YOU LIKE!
SURE...

THANK YOU..
SNEAK
UH..
HUH?
MAY I..
WOW
BRINGS BACK MEMORIES!!
THIS FABRIC
IT REMINDS ME OF HIGH SCHOOL
SLIP
SLIP

SO, TSUBAKI-KUN'S SISTER IS...
YES! I WORE THIS SAME UNIFORM SIX YEARS AGO!
HIGH SCHOOL...?
SEEING YOUR UNIFORM MADE ME A LITTLE NOSTALGIC, SO I DRAGGED YOU HERE. I'M SORRY.
I WENT TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS THE TWO OF YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S OKAY...
I-I DON'T KNOW...
.....
DO YOU KNOW IF HE HAS A (GIRL)FRIEND OR ANYTHING?
YOU'RE AKIRA'S CLASSMATE, RIGHT?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIM AS A CHILD, BUT HE IS 17 NOW...
EVEN IF HE DOESN'T,
SO I WONDERED IF THERE WAS SOMEONE HE LIKED..
I LIKED SOMEONE WHEN I WAS 17, AFTER ALL...
WERE YOU...
GOING OUT WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKED?
ME?
YES,
WELL...
WE WERE GOING OUT.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, SOMETHING FUNNY HAPPENED YESTERDAY ...
HEHE...

HE TOLD ME I WAS DROOLING.
AND WHEN HE SAW MY FACE,
THEN AKIRA CAME HOME,
AND, WELL... I WAS DROOLING IN MY SLEEP.
I WAS SITTING AT THE HEATED TABLE IN THE EVENING AND DOZED OFF...
.....
HONESTLY,
THOUGH, THAT QUESTION STARTLED ME A BIT.
I WONDER WHY SEEING HIS SISTER DROOLING MADE HIM WANT TO ASK THAT...
HE ASKED ME IF I HAVE A BOYFRIEND...
RIGHT AFTER THAT, HE ASKED A STRANGE QUESTION...

I WAS DREAMING OF BEING BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL.
WHILE I WAS ASLEEP,
I HAVE A MEMORY WITH THE BOY I WAS DATING THEN INVOLVING DROOL...
ACTUALLY ...
KEMEM-BER?
WHEN WE WERE GETTING READY FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL...
WHEN DID YOU TAKE THIS PICTURE?!
OH, NO!

YOU DOZED OFF, AND I TOOK YOUR PICTURE.
PHOTO
AH...

I COULDN'T WASTE IT!
WHAT? BUT IT'S A GOOD SHOT!
THROW THAT PICTURE AWAY!

I STILL HAVE IT, OF COURSE!
WHAT DID I DO WITH IT?
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT PICTURE OF ME?
BY THE WAY, ARIMA-KUN..
DON'T KEEP THIS IN YOUR WALLET!
I TAKE IT OUT AND LOOK AT IT SOMETIMES.
YOU FACE LOOKS ODDLY CUTE
WITH DROOL ON IT...
'CAUSE...

HE ONCE SAID THAT TO ME...
SO WHEN AKIRA
ASKED ME IF I HAVE A BOYFRIEND,
IT REMINDED ME OF THAT AND STARTLED ME A LITTLE.
I'M SORRY! IT MUST BE BECAUSE YOU'RE A CURRENT STUDENT AT MY OLD SCHOOL...
I'M TELLING ALL THESE BORING STORIES!
SO...
WHAT IS YOUR HIGH SCHOOL BOY-FRIEND DOING NOW?
NOT AT ALL...
HUH? WELL... HE WENT OFF TO COLLEGE IN KANSAI AFTER GRADUATION. WE KEPT IN TOUCH AT FIRST...

ONE ANOTHER AT ALL.
AND NOW, WE DON'T KEEP TRACK OF
BUT OVER TIME, WE GREW MORE AND MORE DISTANT.
I STILL WONDER...
SOMETIMES...
DOES HE STILL HAVE THAT PICTURE?
OR DID HE GET A NEW GIRLFRIEND AND THROW IT AWAY?
I DO.
HOW NICE! NOW THAT I'M GROWN UP I ENVY KIDS YOUR AGE...
DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
HEY,

NOT AT ALL.
TO MY SILLY STORIES!
THANKS FOR LISTENING
THANK YOU FOR THE COFFEE.
OPEN
CLOSED
CLICK
CLACK
TAKE CARE OF AKIKA FOR ME!
BYE!
OH, YES!
E-EXCUSE ME...
HERE, TO THANK YOU FOR TODAY. THEY'RE NOT EXPENSIVE FLOWERS, BUT PLEASE TAKE THEM.
OKAY...

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!
MIKOTO URABE!
MY NAME IS...
I'LL REMEMBER!
MIKOTO URABE-SAN, EH?

WHAT?
HM?
TSUBAKI-KUN...
I RAN INTO YOUR SISTER YESTERDAY, AND WE WENT INTO A CAFÉ AND TALKED...
WHAT?! WITH MY SISTER?!
WHAT...
DID YOU TALK ABOUT?
SHE TOLD ME ABOUT HER MEMORIES WITH HER HIGH SCHOOL BOYFRIEND.
WHAT?! MY SISTER HAD A BOYFRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL?!
I... I HAD NO IDEA...
AND I'M HER YOUNGER BROTHER...
REALLY?

SHE SAID THEY'RE NOT IN TOUCH AT ALL NOW.
NO, THEY WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS AFTER GRADUATION.
IS MY SISTER STILL GOING OUT WITH HER BOYFRIEND FROM HIGH SCHOOL?
TH-THEN ...
I SEE...
OH...
SO...
TODAY'S DOSE.
HERE.
MY SISTER HAD A BOYFRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL...
AND NOW THEY'RE NOT IN TOUCH AT ALL...

I WONDER IF I'LL STILL BE WITH URABE...
WHEN I GET TO BE THE AGE MY SISTER IS NOW.

I HOPED THAT I WOULD HAVE AN OLDER SISTER LIKE HER SOMEDAY!
OH, YEAH... TSUBAKI-KUN, WHEN I SAW YOUR SISTER YESTERDAY...
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW...
WHEN YOU SAW HER... WHAT?
YEAH-SEE YA.

BYE!
WELL...
I KNEW THAT I WAS, INDEED, A 17-YEAR-OLD BOY WITH A FULLY CHARGED LIBIDO...
AS I PONDERED THE UNSEEN FUTURE IN THE AUTUMN SUNSET,
BUT RIGHT NOW, INSTEAD OF THINKING THAT FAR AHEAD...
MAYBE... MY "MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND" WILL BECOME MY "MYSTERIOUS WIFE" SOMEDAY...
I WANT TO KISS URAHE AND SUPER AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER THINGS WITH HER...

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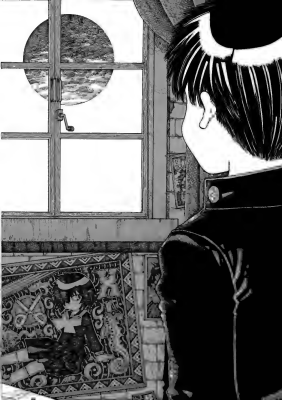
CHAPTER 20: MYSTERIOUS SENSATION



TSUBAKI-KUN...

GO AHEAD AND TOUCH THEM...
シェル
SHHWEL

SQUISH.....
ムニュ…
THAT SATURDAY NIGHT...
.....
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SNAP
チッ

I HAD A DREAM THAT I TOUCHED URABE'S BOOBS.
SOMEHOW...
I CAN STILL FEEL THE SENSATION OF URABE'S BOOBS FROM MY DREAM.
HERE ON MY RIGHT HAND...

SOFT, BUT FIRM...
AND TOUCHING THEM SENT A SHIVER UP MY SPINE...
A GIRL'S BOOBS FEEL IN REAL LIFE.
I WONDER IF THAT'S HOW
I SHOULDN'T BE HIDING IN MY ROOM WORKING OVER SOME FANTASY ON A SUNDAY MORNING...
NOT GOOD!
MAYBE I'LL GO TO THE BOOKSTORE FOR A CHANGE OF SCENERY...
SHS, I'M HEADING OUT FOR A BIT.
HUH?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

JUST BE BACK BY EVENING.
OH... THE BOOKSTORE NEAR HERE.
BOOK CENTE

WHERE SHOULD I GO NOW?
BUT IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN 30 MINUTES.
MAN...IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN STANDING HERE READING FOR AGES.
IF I WALK STRAIGHT DOWN THIS ROAD FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES, I'LL BE AT URAMI'S BUILDING.
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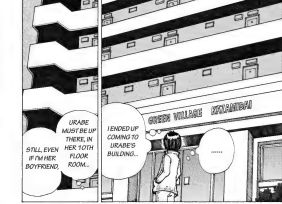
GREEN VILLAGE APARTMENTS
I ENDED UP COMING TO URABE'S BUILDING...
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URABE MUST BE UP THERE, IN HER 10TH FLOOR ROOM...
STILL, EVEN IF I'M HER BOYFRIEND

H-NOT GOOD!
I BETTER GO HOME!
MAKES ME SEEM LIKE A STALKER...
WANDERING RIGHT TO URABE'S PLACE LIKE THIS
SCREECH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
TSUBAKI-KUN,
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE NEARBY AND ENDED UP COMING HERE!
TH-THERE'S NOTHING I NEED!
OH... NO...
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING?
WHY ARE YOU IN FRONT OF MY HOME?
URABE!
U—

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO RUN INTO YOU!
OH... WELL, I WAS JUST WANDERING AROUND.
B-BYE THEN!
YEAH, I WAS GETTING GROCERIES AT THE SUPERMARKET NEARBY.
WERE YOU SHOPPING?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WAIT, TSUBAKI -KUN.
WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND HAVE A DRINK?
SINCE YOU'RE HERE.
HUH?

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ガチャ
I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE TODAY...
WHERE'S YOUR FAMILY?
URAMI...
COME IN.
OH...
PARDON THE INTRUSION...
I CAN'T EVEN PICTURE URAMI'S FAMILY...
DO THEY EVEN EXIST?
HER FAMILY WASN'T HERE THE LAST TIME I CAME EITHER...
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HAVE A SEAT THERE.
OH...
OKAY.

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STRIP?
I'LL GO GET SOMETHING TO DRINK...
OH, OKAY!
NOT GOOD...
THOSE TIGHT WINTER SWEATERS GIRLS WEAR REALLY MAKE THEIR BODIES STAND OUT...

IT'S TOO MUCH TO BEAR...
AFTER I HAD THAT DREAM LAST NIGHT...
ESPECIALLY
YOU STANDING OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING.
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TO SEE
TH-
THANKS!
HERE, TSUBAKI-KUN.
IS THERE SOMETHING
ON YOUR MIND ABOUT ME?
TSUBAKI-KUN...
WELL, IT'S SUNDAY AND I HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DO, SO I WAS WALKING AROUND AND ENDED UP HERE.

HUH?
NO, NOTHING
THERE'S NOTHING ON MY MIND...
NO, THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING...
SLURP
STILL...
THE DAY AFTER I HAD THAT DREAM...
STILL, WE'RE ALONE IN HER ROOM.
IS THIS A CHANCE GIVEN TO ME BY THE GODS?
SLRP
UH...

SAY, URABE...
LEANING
OH, UH, THIS COFFEE IS REALLY GOOD.
I CAN'T DO IT!
YOU'RE GOOD AT MAKING COFFEE!
ONCE SHE GIVES ME THAT LOOK, I'M TOO SCARED TO TRY ANYTHING...
PUFF
GLARE
WHAT?
RATTLE

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
HUH...?
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
U-URABE!
AN EARTHQUAKE!!
AH, HOT!
LOOK OUT!

SILENCE...
DID YOU BURN YOURSELF?
NO, I JUST GOT A LITTLE COFFEE ON MY HAND.
I... I THINK IT'S OVER...
THAT WAS A PRETTY STRONG QUAKE...

THIS IS MY CHANCE...
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AH...
SHINK!

UNDER THE COVER OF THE CHAOS?
WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO
TSUBAKI-KUN,
SORRY
S—
TSUBAKI-KUN,
ARE YOU SURE THERE ISN'T SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND ABOUT ME?
ACTUALLY

TOUCHED MY BOOBS?
UH... A DREAM WHERE I TOUCHED YOUR BOOBS...
I HAD A DREAM LAST NIGHT...
FEEL IN YOUR DREAM?
AND HOW EXACTLY DID MY BOOBS
I JUST
THAT SENSATION FROM MY DREAM, SO
AND I COUDN'T FORGET
HUH?
HOW DID THEY FEEL?
SOFT AND FIRM...
AND TOUCHING THEM SENT A SHIVER UP MY SPINE...
WHAT AM I SAYING?

パチッ
ガバッ
ナカヨクシヨウネ……

TASTE THIS...

HOW DID THAT COMPARE TO THE SENSATION
FROM YOUR DREAM?
UH... ER... WELL...
COMPARED TO MY DREAM... IT WAS MUCH MORE...

H—
TEARS
...
HUH?
MUCH
MORE
...
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YOU DON'T
NEED TO CRY
ABOUT IT...
NO,
UH...
OH...
IT JUST
CAME FROM
NOWHERE...
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THUMP

END OF CHAPTER 20

BECAUSE MIKOTO URABE IS A GIRL...

卜部美琴は女の子だから....

AFTER MANY DIFFICULTIES, VOLUME 3 IS FINALLY ON SALE! AND IT'S THANKS TO ALL OF YOU READERS!!

SO, "MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X" IS A ROMANCE COMIC ABOUT AN AVERAGE BOY, AKIRA TSUBAKI, AND A MYSTERIOUS GIRL, MIKOTO URABE.

THERE'S SOMETHING THE AUTHOR OFTEN FANTASIZES ABOUT WHILE WRITING THIS COMIC. THAT SOMETHING IS THIS:

"IF 'X' WERE A COMIC SERIALIZED IN A SHOUJO MAGAZINE, ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS BOY AND AN AVERAGE GIRL WHO IS DRAWN TO HIM -

IN OTHER WORDS, IF TSUBAKI AND AKIRA'S GENDERS WERE REVERSED -

WHAT KIND OF COMIC WOULD IT BE?"

IF I WERE TO DRAW THE CHARACTERS OF THIS FANTASY COMIC, THEY MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS!

ON THAT NOTE, A BONUS COMIC EXCLUSIVE TO THIS VOLUME STARTS ON THE NEXT PAGE!

CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS!

KAORU SHIMATSU (17)

椿明子（17）

A GIRL BOUND TO THE MYSTERIOUS MARZIO URABE THROUGH DROOL. A

COMPLETELY ORDINARY GIRL WITH AVERAGE LOOKS, GRADES, AND athletic ABILITY. SHE DOESN'T STAND UP WELL TO SEXUAL HARRASSMENT.

KAZUMASA URABE (17)

卜部真（17）

A MYSTERIOUS BOY WHO TRANSFERRED INTO KAZAMIDAI HIGH SCHOOL. COOL, SILENT, AND ANTISOCIAL. HIS BANGS USUALLY COVER HALF OF HIS FACE, BUT UNDERNEATH, HE'S RATHER ATTRACTIVE. HE HAS A BOND WITH TSUBAKI TSUSHIMI: DROOL.

THEIR BOND
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SCHLAF~
TASTE IT...
TSUBAKI... OUR ROUTINE FOR TODAY...
Play
Pause
SEXUAL HARRASSMENT!!!

OKA'S ALSO A BOY

MYSTERIOUS WINDY DAY "BOYFRIEND" VERSION